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## BIRTH.

On the 6th December, at Tanjong Pagar, Singapore, the wife of E. SPENCE, of a son.

On the 7th November, at "Applethorpe," Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, MATTHEW LITTLE, late of Singapore, aged 75 years.

On the 20th November, at Mauritius, LYONS, daughter of Sir LIONEL COX, Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements.

On the 7th December, in Hospital, Singapore, W. E. JAMES, aged 33 years.

## The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 17th December, 1902.

There are proverbially two sides to every case, and the ability to see both of the two sides is variously held to be an estimable quality or a serious defect in a public man. It is, however, always desirable, in order to obtain a just appreciation of any situation, that an opportunity should be given to hear the arguments against a position which one may have taken up. As, therefore, when writing in our issue of the 15th instant we spoke somewhat strongly with regard to affairs in the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary and may have thereby offended certain susceptibilities, it seems only just to allow the presentation of another point of view. We wrote two days ago with regard to the arrangement by which the component parts of the empire ruled over by the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH are kept in harmony. Conforming to the agreement stipulated in the year 1867 between Austria and Hungary the parliaments of the two states have to fix every ten years the proportion of the contributions which each state has to pay to cover the common expenses, viz., for navy, army, diplomatic and consular services, etc. At the same time all the laws regulating economical intercourse between the two states must be arranged by mutual agreement. It is natural that the conclusion of that agreement, which is called "Angleich," covers the more difficult the more the

economical conditions of the two states change. Such a great change happened, especially in the last decade, for Hungary, which has been before an agricultural country, has developed its own industries, which naturally entered in a great competition with the old-established industries of Austria. The struggle for the *Angleich* is therefore now keener than it was ever before, each state trying to get the best conditions. But it must not be overlooked that the stipulation of the *Angleich* is completely an economical and in no way a political question. All the different nationalities which constitute the population of Austria-Hungary are rather united in their endeavours to obtain favourable conditions for their own agriculture and industries. But as all these nationalities are very much interested in coming to an understanding in maintaining the *Angleich* instead of breaking the economical ties which unite at present the two countries and help so much the common development of the monarchy, it is the general hope that the *Angleich* will be concluded at least in the same way as at former periods, when it was also possible to find a satisfactory solution of this question in the interest of both states. That is to be hoped so much the more, as the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH enjoys the sympathies of the entire population of the two states.

We spoke with apprehension in our article of the 15th instant of what would be likely to happen when the present Emperor dies and the heir presumptive ascends the throne; and it is on this point in particular that the certain susceptibilities of which we spoke above may have been hurt. This being entirely foreign to our desire, we hasten to admit that it is a view very largely held that, when after the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH's decease the Archduke FERDINAND FRANCIS OF ESTE ascends the throne of the Habsburgs, there will be no room for fears for the existence of Austria-Hungary; neither will the Archduke cease to continue the wise policy of his uncle, Archduke FERDINAND FRANCIS OF ESTE has lived till now perfectly as a private person but has shown great zeal to prepare himself for his future difficult task of a sovereign of Austria-Hungary. Eight years ago he made a voyage around the world, on which occasion he also paid a visit to Hongkong and Canton, occupying himself very much with the study of the Colonial Empire of Great Britain. Lately he was also sent to London to assist at the coronation of King EDWARD VII. The population of Austria-Hungary, which notwithstanding all the differences of nationality is attached to his Imperial and Royal House as no other people upon the continent to their ruling family, will therefore, we are assured upon the best of authority, find a fitting monarch in Archduke FRANCIS FERDINAND OF ESTE.

The *Hoku-mi Maru*, a steamer of 207 tons, caught fire and sank on the 3rd, off Okushirishima, Japan. Out of 30 on board, the captain and 11 others were saved.

Three Russian soldiers have been killed and 60 others, including three officers, more or less seriously injured, in an accident on the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Koshiji temple lately burnt down at Kioto, Japan, was begun in 1785, and took fifty years to build. It would cost at least two million yen to replace it.

On the 1st inst. a Chinese lad, eight years of age, died at Saigon of hydrophobia after having been bitten by a mad dog on the 11th November. He underwent the Pasteur treatment.

We are requested by the Mother Superior of the French Convent to tender her best thanks to the public of Hongkong for the kind and liberal support accorded to them at their annual Bazaar held on Friday last. She especially wishes to thank those ladies who so kindly gave them their assistance at the various stalls. The proceeds of the Bazaar are, we understand, better than in previous years, which is highly gratifying.

Mr. Allan Cameron, son of Sir Ewen Cameron of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has been left a legacy of £5,000 by the late Mr. Harry Panmure Gordon. Mr. Panmure Gordon also directs his executors "to offer for acceptance to His Majesty the present Emperor of Germany the boat carriage launched by His Majesty the late Emperor Frederick, and his shooting carriage on wheels."

## ROMEO AND JULIET.

The *Wrong Mr. Wright* was played for the last time last evening by Miss Janet Waldorf's Co., and will be replaced to-night by *Romeo and Juliet*. Of all Shakespeare's tragedies this beautiful love story is perhaps the most popular and the one in which all great actors and actresses vie with each other for fame. Miss Janet Waldorf has played *Juliet* in other parts of the world with great success, her forceful acting suiting the tragic side of the character. There are few actresses who can successfully blend the light and shade of *Juliet's* emotions, but Miss Waldorf has the reputation of having portrayed both sides with equal feeling. Mr. Norval McGregor should be seen to great advantage as *Romeo*. The full strength of the company will complete the cast.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 15th December, 3.40 p.m.

THE QUESTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Dominion Government has disallowed three enactments of the British Columbia Legislature. One of these debarred from entering all immigrants unable to write in one European language; another forbade the employment of Japanese or Chinese on works holding provincial franchises; and the third prohibited the employment of Japanese or Chinese in mines, unless able to speak English.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

LONDON, 14th December.

## SOMALILAND.

The rumoured murder of the Mullah is seemingly disproved by the receipt of an arrogant letter from him suggesting peace, but on conditions conceding him a port and the free importation of arms.

## VENEZUELA.

Two more British warships have left Bermuda for Venezuela, and Italy is also sending two men-of-war. It appears that only the Germans sank the two Venezuelan vessels which they captured; the British are utilizing their captures.

LONDON, 14th December.

## THE GERMAN TARIFF BILL.

After an all-night debate, unprecedented in the annals of the German Parliament, the Reichstag passed the new Tariff Bill by 202 votes to 100.

## VENEZUELA—ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The German cruiser *Vizcaya* has captured the Venezuelan gunboat *Restaurador*.

The mob at Puerto Cabello seized the English steamer *Topaze* on the 10th instant, and subsequently released her. Failing satisfaction for this, the British cruiser *Charybdis* and the German cruiser *Vizcaya* afterwards bombarded Puerto Cabello fort.

President Roosevelt and Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, have agreed that the United States will not become involved in the disputes with the Venezuelans unless serious developments take place.

## FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "GLOBE."

These teams met in a friendly match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, when the following players lined up—

Club—Hickling, goal; Holmes and Bonnar, backs; Macdonald, Kow, and Kerr, halves; Lemarchand, Libeand, Cooper, Rutherford, and Cooke, forwards.

Glory—Morgan, goal; Urquhart and Booth, backs; King, Crossman, and Wade, halves; Cottell, Cornaby, Moore, Milford, and Chambers, forwards.

Referee—Mr. F. Browne.

The Club kicked off, and opened with a shot at the Glory's goal, failing, however, to find the mark. Throughout the first half the game lay with the Club, the Glory, from whom better things were expected, making a comparatively poor exhibition. They were able to stave off the attacks of their opponents, nevertheless, and at half-time neither side had scored.

The second half was in progress but a short time when the Club outwitted Morgan, over whose hand the ball skidded and dropped into the net. The sailors now showed up considerably better, and had hard luck in not equalizing, their repeated peeping of Hickling's position outflitting them, in the opinion of the spectator, to the equalizer. They managed to get the ball through once, but from off-side, and consequently gained nothing by their effort.

The match ended in a win for the Club by one goal to nil.

## SHIELD TIES.

The draw yesterday for the Shield Competition, in which fourteen teams have entered, resulted as follows—

## FIRST ROUND.

- H.M.S. Ocean, bye; H.M.S. Pique, bye.
- 1 B Co. Sherwood Foresters v. E Co. Sherwood Foresters.
- 2 H Co. Sherwood Foresters v. 80th Co. E.A.
- 3 Hongkong Football Club v. H.M.S. Glory.
- 4 V.R.C. v. 78th Co. R.A.
- 5 Royal Engineers v. Ordinance.
- 6 G Co. Sherwood Foresters v. H.M.S. Argonaut.

First round to be played off on or before 31st January, 1903.

## SECOND ROUND.

- 1 Winner of tie 3 v. winner of tie 2.
  - 2 Winner of tie 5 v. winner of tie 1.
  - 3 Winner of tie 6 v. winner of tie 4.
  - 4 H.M.S. Pique v. H.M.S. Ocean.
  - 5 Winner of tie 3 v. winner of tie 2.
  - 6 Winner of tie 1 v. winner of tie 4.
- The first-mentioned team in each tie has choice of ground and must provide ball. Representatives will meet after the first round has been completed.

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Present—His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G., Hon. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir HENRY SPENCER BECKLEY, K.T. (Attorney-General), Hon. A. M. THOMPSON (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Commander E. M. RUMSEY, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works), Hon. Dr. F. W. CLARK (Medical Officer of Health), Hon. Dr. Ho KAI, C.M.G., Hon. C. S. SHARP, Hon. C. W. DICKSON, Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR, Hon. R. SHEWAN, Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Acting Clerk of Council).

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.** On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, the Council resolved itself into Committee and resumed consideration in detail of the clauses of the Public Health and Buildings Bill. Clause 227 provided for a penalty of \$200 for the use or endorsement of the use of any materials in any buildings or works, contrary to the requirements of the Ordinance. Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR said that \$200 was far too small a penalty. It should be made \$2,000. H.E. THE GOVERNOR pointed out that the penalty was really a great deal more than that; suppose a man in building a house put in mud instead of lime he could be called upon to remove it.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL expressed his willingness to make the penalty \$500. This amendment was agreed to. Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR moved the following amendment to the clause:—"In respect of any offence under the preceding paragraphs whereby loss of life is caused the Magistrate must at once hold an official enquiry."

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said the law at present provided this. Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR remarked that he differed. He had asked the question before in the Council and at the time pointed out that section 6 of Ordinance 17 of 1888 only permits the Magistrate to enquire into the cause of death and does not compel him to do so.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR said there were certain cases in which the Magistrate need not enquire into the cause of death, if he was satisfied that it was clearly accidental. Suppose a man walking along the Praya was seen to fall into the water and was drowned it was quite possible the Magistrate would not consider it necessary to hold an enquiry.

Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR thought the addition he proposed would be a good thing, because there had been a great many fatal collapses of houses and no enquiry was held until he asked the question in that Chamber.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY pointed out that the enquiries could not be instituted until the Magistrate had a return supplied and was able to ascertain which he would enquire into. There were some collapses that were due to the typhoon itself. The collapse of the masted at the Naval Hospital when a man was killed was caused by the force of the wind. There was another collapse at Chartered House, where a couple of coolies were killed, which was due to the weather and to nothing else. The Magistrate very rightly did not hold enquiries in these cases, and he submitted that the Magistrate had already enquired into every case in which there was any suspicion at all that the death was due to culpability. What the hon. member was bringing forward now seemed to impute to the Magistrate a desire to shirk his work. He did not think any Magistrate had that desire.

Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR said he was not aiming at individuals but wanting to bring forward a general principle.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY went on to say that it was the duty of the Magistrate to enquire into any case in which there was reason to suspect that the death was due to neglect or fault of somebody. If they forced the Magistrate to enquire into every case in which life was lost in this Colony he would be sitting doing nothing else.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR added that the Magistrate did very important work and it would interfere with that work if the Council passed an Ordinance requiring them to enquire into every case of collapse and to defer other important work going on before them day by day which could not be deferred without great public inconvenience, whereas frequently important enquiries could be more satisfactorily carried out after there had been time to get the necessary reports and material for an enquiry.

On the proposed amendment being put to the meeting, it was defeated by a majority.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR—Would you like to divide, Mr. Playfair?

Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR—There is no use, sir. It is an official injunction.

The clause was approved.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that the whole of Part V of the original Bill be struck out. At the time that part of the Ordinance was prepared and printed it was intended to repeal the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance of 1900 and incorporate its clauses in this Ordinance. On further consideration he had come to the conclusion that that was unnecessary and really an unwelcome step to take. The result had been that the resumption clauses would all be struck out and in substitution he proposed certain other clauses.

These clauses, numbered 249 to 252, were read, and were recommended for further consideration on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. SHARP, who also raised the point of costs in arbitration cases and undertook to frame a clause embodying his views and lay it before the Council.

Hon. Mr. SHARP moved an amendment to section 274 that sections 202, 220, 221, 223, and 224 do not apply to the villages and rural districts in Hongkong and Kowloon until the Governor shall notify in the Gazette or otherwise that these sections, it seemed to him, were clearly applicable only to the towns, and it was bad legislation to apply them to the villages and rural districts. He contended further that it led to all sorts of malpractice and fraud. An ignorant, innocent rustic built his little shanty, costing perhaps not a hundred dollars. According to the provisions of this Ordinance he was required to employ an authorised architect and submit block and drainage plans. He was further not permitted to occupy that house until it should have been passed by the Sanitary Board. Hon. members all knew or had pretty strong suspicions of them, and they could easily imagine these villagers being waited upon by some native native very well up to the tricks of the business, who knew the law and went to them and said—"You are contravening the law and unless you square me I will see that you are paid out." The Colonial Secretary and the Director of Public Works had defended the application of these sections to the whole Colony as being convenient, but that did not make it right. With the machinery

at its disposal it would be utterly impossible for the Government to see that the provisions of these clauses were carried out.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said it was an extremely rare thing to have building going on in any of the villages except Aberdeen and Shaukiwan, which were growing into small towns gradually. In the other villages the tendency was to decay instead of increase. These places were rapidly growing into fair sized towns, and he thought it would be a grave mistake if they exempted these places from the provisions of this Ordinance. It simply meant that they would develop into hothouses of insanitation.

Hon. Mr. SHARP said it would always be possible for the Governor in Council to make the provisions apply.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH was of the opinion that if these places were exempted and the houses built without supervision a very bad class of houses would be the result.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY thought that the fears of the hon. member that the poor rustics in these districts would be subjected to any hardship were unfounded. He had had a good deal of experience of what was known as squatters in the way indicated by the hon. member. No complaint had ever arisen from any of the Building Ordinance, and this Ordinance had really been in force since 1889. It was convenient that it should apply to the whole Colony because they never knew when there would be a development in some village, and it was necessary that new buildings should be built under supervision.

Hon. Mr. SHARP submitted that the Government had not got the necessary staff to insure the carrying out of the provisions of the Ordinance.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that was a matter for the Government to consider in its administration. If it became necessary the proper provisions would be made.

Hon. Mr. SHARP added that he had been told that no prosecutions would be made under these clauses in the cases he had referred to. But that was no answer at all. Why make an Ordinance if you are not going to enforce it? It was not good legislation. Upon the passing of this Ordinance, plans would have to be shown of every house.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH said that plans were sent in now and the Sanitary Board had inspectors at Shaukiwan, Aberdeen and Kowloon.

Hon. Mr. SHARP remarked that it was a matter of principle he was contending for—against enforcing these country people coming in here and getting an authorised architect to draw up plans at a cost of thirty or forty dollars.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR mentioned that though there might be no new houses in some of those districts at the present moment very substantial houses might be built there at any time, and it was necessary that these should be built and supervised from a sanitary point of view.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL asked if Hon. Mr. SHARP's purpose would be served if they made the provisions of the sections not applicable to the villages and rural districts so far as the provisions related to authorised architects?

The HARBOUR MASTER suggested that the matter might be regulated according to the rateable value.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR said that was no doubt the crux of Hon. Mr. SHARP's contention.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS explained that the class of Chinese mentioned by Hon. Mr. SHARP did not employ an authorised architect, but got some Chinese assistant in an office to prepare a drawing for them for two or three dollars.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY held that the thing had worked very well since 1889.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS pointed out that the requirement about the employment of an authorised architect was new.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR suggested that it might solve the difficulty to give the Governor in Council power to exempt any case.

Hon. Mr. SHARP agreed that that would meet the difficulty.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said that in a matter of that kind they might almost leave it in the hands of the Building Authority.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY remarked that he knew one lot of houses that was condemned by the Sanitary Board soon after it was built. To give the Building Authority a free hand to dispense with the requirements of the Ordinance was not safe.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said that the only exemption would be the requirement of the authorised architect.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY agreed that that would not matter.

The following amendment was ultimately drafted by the Attorney-General, accepted by Hon. Mr. SHARP, and agreed to:—"The provisions of clauses 202, 220 and 223, so far as they relate to authorised architects, shall not in the rural districts and villages apply in any special cases in which the Building Authority shall so decide."

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL the following clause was added at the end of the Bill:—"Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent or limit the exercise by His Majesty, his heirs and successors, of any power of resumption contained in any Crown lease."

The Council adjourned sine die.

## ARRIVAL OF MACAO'S NEW GOVERNOR.

H.E. Senhor Arnaldo do Novais, the new Governor of Macao, arrived on Monday night by the French mail, s.s. *Laois*, accompanied by his wife, son, two daughters, and his aide-de-camp. Admiral Bridge sent an aide-de-camp on board the *Laois* to convey his compliments to Senhor Novais, and yesterday morning the latter's aide-de-camp was despatched to return the Admiral's courtesy. His Excellency was too fatigued by his long journey to accept an invitation to dine last evening at Government House, but called upon the Governor in the course of the day. His Excellency and party landed yesterday morning at 9.30 and proceeded to the Hongkong Hotel, where they are now staying. We understand that he will leave for Macao to-day in the gunboat *Dia*. The party who went on board the mail steamer to welcome him were Senhor Caspeliho Romano, Consul-General for Portugal, Commander Azevedo of the gunboat *Dia*, Mr. J. J. Leiria, Vice-Consul for Brazil, and Lieutenants Alebis and Santos (A.D.C.), expressly sent by the Macao Government.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on the 16th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m. to-morrow. The N.P. steamer *Glenogle* left Yokohama for Victoria, B.C., on the morning of the 15th inst.

## SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 16th December.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

LI PING v. CHAN TUNG.

The hearing was continued of the action in which Li Ping, building contractor, sued Chan Tung, contractor, for \$16,000 damages for alleged encroachment on the former's quarry at Matankok.

Mr. R. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. B. Deacon, of Messrs. Deacon & Hastings), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist), appeared for the defendant.

His Lordship, addressing Mr. Sharp, and referring to a previous endeavour to arrive at a settlement of the case, pointed out that if his client did not get above \$1,000 damages the question would arise whether there would be any costs at all, for the only matter for his Lordship to consider then would be whether the words of the Act referring to actions brought in Original Jurisdiction, which might have been tried in Summary Jurisdiction, applied here. Supposing that the plaintiff recovered \$900, there was no earthly reason why the suit should not have been brought in Summary Jurisdiction, and the plaintiff would have to take the chance whether he got any costs at all. If he got more than \$1,000 he would probably get full costs. The expenses were enormously increasing day by day, something like \$400 a day. Would it not be possible for the plaintiff to accept a reasonable sum towards his costs? The claim had been exorbitant in the first instance, arranged by Mr. Francis, and he had no doubt that the mistake lay in charging the value of the whole of the stone instead of the royalty. Would it not be well for the other side to do as he had suggested, because there was no doubt that if the plaintiff could prove that they had wrongfully taken any stone away he was entitled to a nominal verdict and nominal damages, and Mr. Slade's client would have to pay his own costs, which were mounting up day by day in the way he had described? Before witnesses were called his Lordship suggested that the solicitors should see their clients and endeavour to come to some arrangement. He thought that if the defendant paid \$500 towards the plaintiff's costs and accepted a \$100 verdict he would be very well out of it.

Mr. Sharp said that so far his client's costs had amounted to something like \$3,000. Would he be justified in advising him to accept \$500?

His Lordship pointed out that if he only recovered \$900 damages he would have to pay his own costs, and if the case went on for other ten days then would probably be increased by another \$3,000. The amount of money expended over this case was infinitely greater than the value of the thing, and he would strongly advise the parties to settle.

Mr. Sharp remarked that the difference between \$500 and \$3,000 was a very serious matter.

Mr. Slade said the costs on his side were about \$2,000.

His Lordship asked them to consider what it was all for. The costs were \$5,000 now, and they would undoubtedly become \$10,000. And all this was to be incurred to settle exactly how much this gentleman had to pay for some granite. The claim as originally made was an enormous claim made under a misapprehension. After consultation between the clients and their respective counsel.

Mr. Slade intimated that his client had left the matter in his hands to accept the suggestion put forward by his Lordship.

Mr. Sharp stated that the only terms his client would agree to were judgment for nominal damages in the amount mentioned and costs to the amount of \$2,000 of the \$3,000 which he had expended.

Mr. Slade expressed regret that he could not agree to these terms.

His Lordship said that then there was nothing for it but to proceed with the evidence.

At a later stage his Lordship again advised a settlement, and after much consultation and debate the plaintiff agreed to accept \$1,500 in lieu of damages and costs.

The Court adjourned.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUNISH



knowing the rainy season to be approaching should have taken measures to safeguard the said wall by shoring or by adopting some other method of preventing the effect of the accumulation of water caused by a downpour of rain from getting at the said wall in such a way as to weaken it and render it liable to collapse. By reason of the negligence of the defendants as above alleged the plaintiffs had suffered damage to the extent of \$1,000, such damage being made up as follows:—Amount of tender for rebuilding the wall, \$900; fee to Messrs. Leigh & Orange for surveying the premises, \$25; fee to Messrs. Palmer & Turner the solicitors, \$25; fee to Messrs. Palmer & Turner for superintending the re-erection of the said wall, \$50.

In their statement of defence the defendants said that at the back of No. 1, Lower Albany Road, a public road on Crown land called Gordon Road which road is at a level about 20 feet higher than the ground on which that house stands. The said road was almost entirely cut out of the natural slope of the hillside and was not at the time of the collapse mentioned supported by any retaining wall. Defendants further said that the rear portion of the site upon which the house stands was originally cut out of the natural hillside and that the earth exposed by such cutting was at the time of the collapse protected by a face wall belonging to the plaintiffs composed of thin concrete of about 20 feet in height and 2 feet in thickness. Defendants further stated that in January last the defendant W. Chatham as Water Authority commenced to construct and lay in Gordon Road certain water mains, etc., in connection with the water supply of the Colony; that in the course of the construction of such works a trench was necessarily opened in Gordon Road upon Crown land in January and was closed and filled on or about 21st May last after the works had been temporarily completed; that the said trench was re-opened on or about 6th June last, in order finally to complete the works, which were completed on or about 16th June, when the trench was finally closed, and the works were carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner without any unnecessary delay under the personal superintendence of the defendant A. H. Hollingsworth. Defendants admitted that on or about 12th June last a portion of plaintiffs' wall collapsed, but stated that the collapse was occasioned by the inherent weakness and faulty construction of the wall aggravated by heavy rainfall, wind, and other natural causes. Defendants denied that any neglect or default of theirs or either of them or of any contractor, overseer, or workman employed by them or either of them in or about the works mentioned either in any way occasioned or contributed to the collapse of the wall or occasioned any damage or loss to the plaintiff.

Evidence was taken, after which His Lordship held that there had been negligence on the part of the defendants, and gave judgment for the plaintiffs, with costs, the question of damages to be referred to the Registrar.

#### MAIDEN TRIP OF THE S.S. "KWONGCHOW."

In response to the invitation of the directors of the Shin On Steamship Company, a party of twenty ladies and gentlemen, including the Lloyd's surveyor, Mr. N. Munford, and Mrs. Munford, Captain and Mrs. Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Solh, Messrs. Bailey, Murphy, Woolcock, Dr. Pearce, and several others, including Press representatives, assembled on Sunday last on board the s.s. "Kwongchow"—a twin-screw steamer of 1,475 tons, Captain T. Austin, R.N.R., the trial trip of which we gave a description of a few days ago—to inspect this new addition to the river steamer service between Hongkong and Canton.

The guests on arriving on board were received by Mr. Chau Siu Ki, the courteous and indefatigable chairman of the Company, and were then shown over the ship. The "Kwongchow" is most luxuriously and comfortably fitted up, and reflects great credit on the enterprise of the Company, and to the building capabilities of the firm of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. Erected at 5.30 p.m., the "Kwongchow" cast off from the Company's wharf at West Point, and amidst a lot of crackling string she steamed out of the harbour on her maiden trip to Canton, with about 500 Chinese passengers and 200 tons of cargo. A large crowd of Chinese were on the wharf to see her off. She went full speed ahead till after passing Capetown Pass, when her speed was reduced to half so that she could arrive at Canton at daylight on Monday without having to anchor. Everything worked smoothly, the "Kwongchow" proving to be a very steady, fast, and comfortable steamer, and at 6.05 a.m. she anchored at her moorings opposite the French concession at Shanghai.

On the arrival of the steamer she was visited by a large number of Europeans and Chinese, including H.M. Vice Consul and some Chinese officials, who one and all praised the vessel highly both for her passenger accommodation and cargo-carrying capacity. At one o'clock an excellent dinner was provided, Messrs. Mander and Furner of the "Kwongchow" Hotel being the caterers. About 30 ladies and gentlemen sat down to justice to the music of Mr. Chau Siu Ki presiding, having on his right Mr. Johnson of the I. M. Customs at Canton, and on his left, Mr. Beeton of the firm of Horbert Dent & Co., the Canton agents of the steamer.

There were also present besides the visitors from Hongkong the following:—Messrs. Nielsen, Bywater, Pasquet, Muller, Suddhaus and several others representing the various firms doing business at Canton, and the following Chinese gentlemen:—Messrs. Pui U, Pui Chung U, Wong Siu Nam, Wong King, Lo Cho Shan, Chung Ioy Tsai, Li Hing Chiu, Yang Chik Shang, Chin Sam Shok, Mok Yau Hang, Kong Kwai On, Tam Kit Shing, How Hi Chiu, Luk Chi Ngan, Ng Ping Yung, Chau Yim Kie, Yung Kin Cho, Chai Siang Tong.

After dinner, Mr. BEETON in a neat little speech, proposed "Success to the s.s. 'Kwongchow,'" to which Mr. CHAU SIU KI replied as follows:—Ladies and gentlemen, I have to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed by Mr. Beeton for the success and prosperity of the steamer "Kwongchow," and also for the complimentary remarks he has been pleased to pass on her. All of you have had an opportunity of inspecting the vessel and noting her arrangements, and I can say that everything that could be done to make the trip to Hongkong more comfortable for passengers has been thought of by the Company. I think the Company which I have the pleasure to represent on this occasion can boast of having not only one of the finest and most up-to-date steamers on the river, but also the largest vessel that has yet been launched in Hongkong. The trade of Canton is increasing year by year, as the Imperial Maritime Customs figures show, and I sincerely hope that the Company will secure its full share of this

increasing trade by giving shippers every facility for prompt business. I anticipate that the success you have been kind enough to wish to the "Kwongchow" will be fully realized. Ladies and gentlemen, I again thank you for your good wishes.

Mr. MURPHY then rose to propose the health of the builders of the s.s. "Kwongchow," Messrs. Bailey and Murphy. He said—Ladies and gentlemen, I have been entrusted with the pleasant duty of asking you to drink to the health of the builders. You have had an excellent opportunity this morning of viewing the beautiful finish of this vessel, but not being all experts, perhaps not able to thoroughly appreciate the design and construction which I can assure you is of the strongest and most solid description, and I have no doubt that for many years she will safely carry from this City to the great Colony at the bottom of the river, many thousands of passengers. It may not be common knowledge to you that shipbuilding is not a new thing in China and I would not like to say that a Chinaman had not a hand in the construction of Noh's Ark. (Laughter.) At any rate for many centuries wooden ships have been built in China but it is only in recent years that iron and steel shipbuilding has come to the fore. The great drawback at the present time, however, is that we have not the raw material at our doors and are thus handicapped by having to import from abroad. When the awakening of China is more advanced and its mineral resources better developed, Hongkong and the banks of the Canton River will become a Belfast and Clyde of the East. And when this comes to pass I am sure that our good friends Messrs. Bailey and Murphy will secure their fair share of the business. Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to fill up your bumper and drink to the health of Messrs. Bailey and Murphy. (Applause.)

In reply Mr. BAILEY said—Mr. Munford, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of my partner and myself I sincerely thank you for the kind manner in which you have proposed and responded to the toast of our health. On taking this work in hand we decided to turn out a thoroughly first class job regardless of cost. Hoping for our support in the satisfaction we should give the owners and that the good work put into the vessel would prove an advertisement for our firm. In this we have not been disappointed, the owners having expressed their entire satisfaction with the work. To insure success in a work of this nature it is essential that the owners should have clear ideas as to what they require. In this case Mr. Chau Siu Ki came to us with a rough plan of the general arrangements of the vessel prepared by himself, his captain and superintendents. He had the clearest idea of the company's requirements, so that we had little trouble in completing the design, and throughout the whole work the gentlemen referred to have been of the greatest assistance to us. I also take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the services rendered us by our staff, especially the drawing office staff for the way they performed their work. Our relations with the owners have continued to be of the friendliest nature and work has proceeded with the utmost smoothness, not a hitch occurring in the construction. I wish to say that we desire no better people to deal with than the directors of the Shin On S.S. Co. (Applause), who have rendered us every assistance, both financially and otherwise. A leading banker, the Hon. Thomas Whitehead, on leaving Hongkong recently, stated that his 14 years' experience as manager there, his bank had not lost a cent through Chinese clients and that they had found a Chinese gentleman's word not only as good as his bond but better than his bond. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we have found this to be literally true regarding the directors of this company, who while acting strictly in the interests of their firm have treated us in the most liberal manner. (Applause.)

Mr. MURPHY then toasted the visitors, coupling the toast with the names of Dr. Pearce for the Hongkong visitors and Mr. Johnson for the Canton guests, who both replied suitably. Captain Austin's health was proposed by Mr. Farmer, who in return drank the health of the visitors.

The return voyage to Hongkong was to have been made at 3 p.m. on Monday, but it was quite a relief when the "Kwongchow" really steamed ahead. The trip home was not marked by any incident worth recording, and at 1.45 a.m. on Tuesday the "Kwongchow" was alongside her wharf at West Point after having accomplished a very successful and creditable maiden voyage. The guests were royally treated by Mr. Chau Siu Ki, who was unremitting in his efforts to secure to his guests pleasure and comfort, and one and all left highly pleased with the very courteous treatment and liberal hospitality extended to them during the trip.

#### POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 16th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

DISHONEST CATERER.—Left in charge as caretaker of the premises at 42, Irvine Street, Wanchai, of a select body known as the Steam Laundry Washerman's Club, U Lam Cheung proved false to his trust and died on 15th November last with clothing, money, and furniture, the property of members, to the total value of \$18. Information was lodged with the police, and U Lam, wearing the coat of one member, was arrested on the 13th inst.

He was sentenced to two months' hard labour. FROM HOSPITAL TO PRISON.—Last month a Chinaman was disturbed by the inmates whilst attempting to burglarize premises in Stanley Street, and jumped over the remand in order to escape arrest. The police came along and he was discharged yesterday and placed in the dock for attempted burglary.

The charge was proved, and the accused was sent to prison for a month, with hard labour.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

FOURBERY.—Two Chinamen entered a mistle at Tai Hang village on the 8th inst., during the temporary absence of the heads of the household, and whilst one took the only occupant, a boy of eleven, outside, and initiated him into the mysteries of the herbs growing on the country-side at a convenient distance from the mistle, the other collected all he could lay hands on, and departed. Next day the boy and his mother were walking in Wanchai when they met the two worthies. The boy pointed them out to his parent, who seized one, the herb-doctor, and held on to him until a policeman came along; the other man escaped.

The defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour. ILLEGAL SAMSU-SELLER.—On the complaint of Sergeant J. J. Watt, Tang Tai Pak, a hawker, was fined \$50 or two months for selling samsu without a licence in an unlicensed lane off Hollywood Road. The informer in the case was to receive \$20. In the event of the fine being paid.

#### THE MOSQUITO AND MALARIAL FEVER.

LECTURE BY DR. J. C. THOMSON AT THE CITY HALL.

As briefly reported by us yesterday, Dr. J. C. Thomson lectured on the previous evening in the City Hall, in the presence of a large audience, and under the auspices of the Old Volcanic Society, on the subject of the mosquito and its relation to malarial fever. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, in introducing the lecturer, expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside at that the first of the season's meetings of the Old Volcanic Society, meetings which had been very interesting in past years and which had been resuscitated thanks to the energy of Mr. Pollock, recently returned to the Colony. We had in Hongkong immeasurable possibilities for every kind of game conceivable for the purpose of improving our physical condition and keeping ourselves in health, but there had been few exceptions no intellectual movements in which the community could take part and where subjects of interest might be discussed. In connection with the Old Volcanic Society there had been many interesting papers read from time to time, but no subject had been of more interest, locally and generally, than the subject on which Dr. Thomson was going to address them that night—the subject of mosquitoes with reference to malarial fever, which was the cause of life in the tropics and on which we felt a great deal in Hongkong. He would only say that at the end of Dr. Thomson's lecture they would be very glad if any gentleman present would join in discussion and offer any observations which struck him with reference to the matter to be brought before them. He had no doubt that some of the general Gaseigne's officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who had a particular knowledge of the subject, of the influence of the mosquito in spreading malarial fever and whether it was the only source from which the fever was spread, would be able to give them some very interesting information, which would be very gladly listened to. In conclusion His Excellency formally introduced Dr. Thomson to the audience.

Dr. THOMSON said—Your Excellency, I very willingly consented to the proposal that at the opening meeting of this season of the Old Volcanic Society I should lecture on the subject of the relationship that exists between malaria and the mosquito, affording me as it does an opportunity of disseminating information on a subject to which there is none more important to the public health of this Colony (with the possible single exception of bubonic plague), which may lead to co-operation in measures for the destruction of the cause of this disease far-reaching in its effects on health and life. And let me say forthwith that, while what I may say to-night will chiefly incriminate the genus anopheles, the anopheles indicates later, a war of extermination against the whole family of mosquitoes in all its branches. I use the word "extermination" deliberately, even while I know it to be on the wide scale an impossibility. Mosquitoes are wide-wide in their distribution. They equally affect great centres of population and the widest wastes on the face of the earth; they are equally the scourge of the Arctic explorer and the terror of the tropical traveller; they are found on the hill-tops of the world, and they swarm throughout its river deltas, and the same species of mosquito has been found at an altitude of 13,000 feet among the Himalayas and on the sea-level in Scandinavia. And the fecundity of the insect is amazing. Finally says that one mother mosquito may in the fifth generation be the progenitor of twenty millions. Howard shows that one rain-water barrel may contain nearly 20,000 larvae, and that they may produce twelve generations in one summer. This at a low estimate would produce in a single summer a number of mosquitoes expressed by 25 figures, an unthinkable number. In Hongkong mosquitoes are found everywhere throughout the island, from the very top of the Peak to the lowest of the slums, and they breed in myriads every ravine throughout the length and breadth and height of it. How then propose "extermination?"

Over against the facts I have just mentioned, we have the fortunate circumstance that mosquitoes as a rule fly only a very short distance from their native haunts, from the place where they were bred. They take shelter from the gentle breeze, and are hence rarely carried any distance by the wind. The distance of flight has been variously estimated by different observers, and while some make it for an hour, fly half a mile or more, all agree that it is very limited. For safety let the longest estimate be accepted. The breeding habits of the mosquito are well ascertained and easily accessible, and what I claim is that we may create in Hongkong and its immediate neighbourhood conditions that will make it impossible for the insect to breed within the City of Victoria; so that, while an occasional mosquito might continue to find its way in this city, become for all practical purposes as extinct as the dodo, and as far as the purpose of satisfying European creditors and averting the European economic and particularly the permanent occupation of a port, to which the United States would object. The syndicate desires to secure America's moral support.

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#### LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA CRYLOX.

THE MARSEILLES STRIKE.

London, 28th November. At a special meeting of the French Cabinet this afternoon it was decided to take immediate measures to safeguard the public service. It appears that British ships are unaffected by the strike.

London, 30th November.

Both the strikers and shipowners at Marseilles are obstinately maintaining. Troops are arriving to maintain order. Destroyers are expected to ensure the mail service with Algeria and Corsica. The crown of several tugs have joined the strikers.

Later. The leaders of the strike at Marseilles threaten to appeal to all French ports for a general strike. The Government ensure the continuance of the mail service, although it is delayed from 24 to 48 hours.

THE GERMANY TRIBE.

London, 28th November. A tumultuous scene took place in the Reichstag yesterday. The majority submitted a motion to pass the tariff en bloc, except where amendments were required by the compromise whereby the Government made an important concession regarding barley. The motion evoked stormy protests from the Radical Socialists and Extreme Agrarians. Violent speeches were made on both sides, and amid unprecedented uproar the debate was adjourned.

ARMY REPORT.

London, 28th November. An Army Order with reference to the annual inspection of troops by officers commanding divisions directs that a report be confidentially made as to the efficiency and ability of individual officers.

INDIAN IRON AND STEEL.

London, 30th November. The New York cablegrams exaggerate Mr. Tata's schemes for the manufacture of steel in India. He intends to erect only a small plant, and has never sent Mr. Leitch, who was stated to be interested in arrangements. An American expert has been engaged to make experiments in coal. He will arrive in India in January. The Universal Fuel Company claim that the coke samples work perfectly; but caution is desirable.

DUBLIN CASTLE.

London, 30th November. The Times, in an article on Ireland, severely rebukes Lord Dudley for meddling with matters of policy in his speeches. Any attempt at reform in the Castle is resented in Printing House Square.

THE BLACKMAILING OF HERR KRUPP.

London, 28th November. An enquiry into the grave charges against Herr Krupp has entirely exonerated him. He was the victim of a gang of black-mailers. The main accuser is a well-known artist who has disappeared. Several arrests have been made.

PORTUGAL'S KING AT CHATHAM.

London, 28th November. The King of Portugal, accompanied by Lord Roberts and General Kelly-Kenny, reviewed the Oxford Infantry, and his Majesty is Colonel-in-Chief at Chatham, this morning. He highly complimented them on their service in South Africa.

THE MAD MULLAH.

London, 28th November. The Somaliand correspondent of the Times of India states that a letter has been received from the Mullah, together with a return of the quantity of the stores he captured. The Mullah says that if we desire peace we can have it on certain terms he dictates. If we wish to fight he is quite ready. He stipulates that white soldiers may be sent against him as his sword is already blunted from slaying black ones.

London, 30th November.

The Mullah has returned the British stores which were captured in the fight with Colonel Swaine. All were rendered unfit for use. He also sent a defiant message. He has established strong posts up ranges round Bokote varying from a thousand yards to four miles. Pickets are exchanging shots. Bokote is now garrisoned by a company of Bombay Grenadiers and a Sikh Contingent of the African Rifles, Lieut-Colonel C. J. Molloy, V.C., commanding.

DEFEAT OF THE WAR.

General De Wet's book alleges treachery on the part of Prinsloo and others. He accuses Mr. Steyn, General De la Rey, and Botha, and denounces the National Scouts. He says later that the British successes were largely due to their advice.

He says Paardeburg was the greatest blow during the war. His helpful influence lasted for months. He ridicules the British scouting and predilection for flank movement; and describes the escape of Lord Kitchener from the train held up at Loupuit in the Orange River Colony. The Boers were not aware he was a passenger on the train, otherwise he would have been captured.

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TERMS.—AS USUAL.

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that the British forces in South Africa amounted roughly, to 5,500 (755,000), including troops awaiting transport to India.

RUSIA, AFGHANISTAN, AND BRITAIN. London, 2nd December.

Lord Hamilton, in reply to a question by Mr. Kimber, said that the last communication from the Amir was received on the 15th October and related to the Seistan boundary dispute. No communications have reached the Government of India relative to the pretensions of Omar Khan. The question whether, in the event of troubles in Afghanistan, His Majesty's Government would support the present Amir, was too hypothetical for a definite answer.

Lord Cranborne, replying to Mr. Kimber, said that he had nothing to add to his previous statement relative to Russia's desire for closer commercial relations with Afghanistan. He had no information to show that Russia had already entered into direct communications with the Amir.

THE ALBERTSTONE COMMISSION. London, 2nd December. The report of Lord Alverstone's Martial Law Commission shows that 794 cases have been investigated and only a few sentences have been confirmed. The majority have been greatly reduced, and a number released.

NEWS VIA SHANGHAI AND JAPAN. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO CONGRESS. London, 3rd December.

In his message to Congress, President Roosevelt lays stress on the necessity of the country maintaining a thoroughly efficient Navy as a means to the preservation of the Monroe doctrine. The situation in Central and South America is reviewed and in connection with the disorders and rebellions which have deranged trade and caused grave losses of life and property during recent months, a warning is given to the Hispano-American republics that orderly government is essential.

RUSIA IN THE NORTH. London, 4th December. The Times announces that the Russian authorities are about to establish a Customs barrier on the eastern frontier and another in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

Peking, 5th December. While it was understood that a concession for mining in the Harbin district was granted to Germany, it is now reported that from four to five Russian mining engineers are there making surveys.

SHIPPING SUBSIDIES IN ENGLAND. London, 10th December. The report of the Committee on Shipping Subsidies deprecates the adoption of a general system of subsidising a line to East Africa, where the foreign subsidised lines handicap British trade.—N.C. Daily News.

A COUNCIL OF DEFENCE. London, 10th December. Mr. Balfour said in the House that the subject of a Council of Defence was engaging the very earnest attention of the Government, and he hoped to make a statement on the subject next week.—N.C. D.N.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st inst., both days inclusive.

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
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**THE** Company's Steamship "KUMSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Friday, the 19th inst., at Noon will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bulk of Lading will be counter-signed by **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3368]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SWATOW.**

**THE** Company's Steamship "THALES,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above port on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3376]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.**

**THE** Company's Steamship "HAICHING,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3375]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.**

**THE** Company's Steamship "KUMSANG,"

Captain E. J. Buller, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3367]

**FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).**

**THE** Steamship "VICTORIA,"

Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 28th inst.

For Freight, &c., apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,** Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3378]

**"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**FOR LONDON.**

**THE** Steamship "GLENLOCH,"

Captain E. J. Stallard, will be despatched for the above port on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to **MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3373]

**STEAMSHIP "LAOS."**

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE.**

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo from London and Havre ex s.s. *Tigre*, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Ville de Lorient*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 A.M., To-day, 16th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 22nd inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**G. DE CHATELLEUX,**  
Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3372]

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.**

**THE** Company's Steamship "TAMBA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of general Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, 16th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 23rd inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3374]

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "CANTON"**

**FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.**

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. To-day, 16th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative appointed within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, within which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

**E. A. HEWETT,**  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3371]

**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

**I** BEG to notify that on and after the 1st JANUARY, 1903, the SUBSCRIPTION to the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" will be as follows:

PER QUARTER ... \$9

PER MONTH ... \$3

**ALFRED CUNNINGHAM,**  
Manager.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3392]

**NOTICE.**

**THE HONGKONG TRAMWAYS ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED,**

hereby gives notice that under Section 7 of Ordinance 10 of 1902, they intend to apply to His Excellency The Governor in Council for approval to construct and maintain a Siding with two Junctions from the lines in Praya East along Percival and Russell Streets, together with two Junctions into Island Lots 724, 725, 727 and 728.

**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3350]

## ENTERTAINMENT

**THEATRE ROYAL.**

Lessee and Manager, Mr. W. REULE.

Representative, Mr. ARTHUR SKYMOUR.

**W. JANET WALDORF CO. W.**

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**"ROMEO & JULIET."**

**MISS JANET WALDORF**

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**"ROMEO,"** Mr. NORVAL MCGREGOR, and

A strong supporting Company.

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**LAST FOUR NIGHTS OF THE PRESENT SEASON**

(Owing to Canton engagements).

Tariff ... \$3, 2 and 1.

Box Plan at ROBINSON'S.

Doors open at 8.30.

Performance at 9.

Special Tram and Ferry Services.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3353]

**JUST PUBLISHED—2ND (REVISED) EDITION.**

**THE FRENCH IN TONKIN AND SOUTH CHINA.** By ALFRED CUNNINGHAM. Sixty Illustrations and One Map. Price \$3.

**ON SALE AT LOCAL BOOKSELLERS.**

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"This volume places before the English reader, the best description of the Southern French colonies in the Far East that has yet appeared."

"Many of us in the Far East have read books on Tonkin, ancient and modern, but a knowledge of things as they are there to-day, of what has been accomplished under M. Doumer's administration is far from common."

"The author has written what he set out to do, a very readable and accurate sketch of the colony as it is at present. . . . Altogether, this is a book to read."

**"BANKOK TIMES."**

**THE BOOK WILL BE FOUND TO BE A COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE HANOI EXPOSITION.**

Hongkong, 17th October, 1902. [2776]

**LOST.**

**ON** the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the L.R.C. Dance at the City Hall, or on the way there from the Peak Tramway, a DIAMOND AND PEARL SPRAY BROOCH.

Finder will be rewarded on returning to B. LAYTON, 4, Lee House Street.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [3324]

**TO LET.**

**SECOND FLOOR OF SEA VIEW, a EUROPEAN DWELLING-HOUSE,**

containing FOUR ROOMS, also Bath-Room and Servants' Quarters. Cool, Healthy, and has a splendid view of Harbour. Rent Moderate.

Apply to **F. G. ALLEN, SEA VIEW, Back of No. 3 Police Station.**

Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3286]

**TO LET.**

**"YALTA," MOUNT KELLET, PEAK, FURNISHED.**

Apply to **AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN CONSULATE.**

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [3347]

**TO LET.**

**"THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLET.**

HOUSES at CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground.

No. 1, RIFON TERRACE.

GODOWNS at BOWENSTON (PRAYA EAST).

GROUND FLOOR of No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to **THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [71]

**TO LET.**

**NOS. 10, 12 and 14, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.**

For Particulars, please apply to **MR. LI PAK,** Care of Comptroller, NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, 1st Floor No. 1, Prince's Building, Charter Rd.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1902. [3261]

**TO LET.**

**TWO NEWLY BUILT HOUSES,** from 10th January, at Kennedy Road, with excellent accommodation and a good view of the Harbour.

Apply to **NO. 4, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE.**

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [3330]

**TO LET.**

**TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95 and 96, PRAYA EAST.**

TWO ROOMS above New VICTORIA HOTEL.

Apply to **H.-N. MODY,** Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1902. [3223]

**TO LET.**

**FROM 1st FEBRUARY or sooner, FURNISHED RESIDENCE, 6 ROOMS,** on Robinson Road, Victoria.

Apply to **F. E.,** Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [3313]

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**IN** a good healthy locality, THREE ROOMS, BATHROOM and CLOAK-HOUSE. Rent Moderate.

Apply—**X. R.,** Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [3348]

**TO LET.**

**NOS. 3, 9, 13, 18, and 19, BELILIOS TERRACE.**

No. 1, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, Spacious Corner House.

A Large FURNISHED BUNGALOW at the Peak.

For Particulars, apply to—**TURNER & CO.,** Hongkong, 5th December, 1902. [3260]

**TO LET.**

**HOUSE No. 6, MOSQUE JUNCTION** (near Robinson Road), containing Four Rooms, Servants' Quarters, Kitchen and Bath-room.

Apply to—**J. D. BARROS,** No. 46, Elgin Street.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1902. [3148]

**TO LET.**

**"WESTLEY," UPPER RICHMOND ROAD.**

Apply to—**LAU CHU PAK,** Care of A. S. Wats & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1902. [2764]

**TO LET.**

**NO. 3, "MAGDALEN TERRACE," MAGDALEN GAP.**

Apply to—**SPANISH PROCURATION.**

Hongkong, 1st April, 1902. [977]

**TO LET.**

**OFFICES at 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.**

Apply to—**G. GIRAULT.**

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1902. [128]

**TO LET.**

**A HOUSE at the PEAK, Partly FURNISHED, from 1st January until 30th June, 1903.**

Apply—**28, BONHAM ROAD, West Point.**

Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [3300]

**TO LET.**

**SPACIOUS NEW HOUSES AND FLATS,** Connaught Road, Des Voeux Road and Pottinger Street. Close to Blake Pier. Specially suitable for Offices, Stores, &c. Rents very moderate.

Apply to—**S. A. SETH,** Dairy Farm Co., KOWLOON SUN TAI, 34, Wing Lok Street.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1902. [3166]

**TO LET.**

**GODOWNS No. 536, DES VOEUX ROAD,** on Marine Lot No. 181, on a monthly tenancy or till 31st March, 1903. Possession from 1st December next.

**KELLET SPUR, MOUNT KELLET, on a monthly tenancy.**

**BISNEZ VILLA, POKFULUM ROAD, 29, MOSQUE STREET, GROUND FLOOR.**

Apply to—**LINSTEAD & DAVIS.**

Hongkong, 7th November, 1902. [2972]

**TO LET.**

**BAHAR LODGE, the Peak.**

For terms and particulars, apply to—**HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.**

Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [2678]

**TO LET.**

**A COMMODIOUS Six-roomed HOUSE** in Conduit Road with Garden and Splendid View of the Harbour.

Apply to—**C. F. DE CARVALHO,** 14, Archibut Road.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1



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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Dec. 15, J. H. LUMMANN, American ship, 900, O. Johnson, Port Townsend 22nd Sept. Lumber.—ORDER.  
Dec. 15, ROMILLA MARU, Japanese str., 2,399, E. P. Bishop, Manila 13th Dec. General.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.  
Dec. 15, VINDOBONA, Austrian str., 2,689, B. Cabot, Kobe and Moji 11th Dec. General.—SANDER, WIELER & CO.  
Dec. 15, YOHOW, British str., 1,303, J. H. Brown, Hongkong 10th Dec. Groundnuts.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Dec. 16, CANTON, British str., 2,105, C. F. Lockstone, London 1st Nov. General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Dec. 16, Hsien-Ho, Chinese str., 1,032, Crawford, Shanghai 12th Dec. General.—CHINESE.  
Dec. 16, KUMSANG, British str., 2,078, E. J. Haller, Singapore 9th Dec. General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
Dec. 16, MONKUT, German str., 859, G. Gotsche, Bangkok 8th Dec. Rice.—MELCHERS & CO.  
Dec. 16, SAPHIR, Norwegian str., from Canton.  
Dec. 16, SELUN, Norwegian str., 865, O. W. Sunding, Chinkiang 10th Dec. Groundnuts and Oil.—E. A. TRADING CO.  
Dec. 16, SISHAN, British str., 815, A. Jones, Swatow 15th Dec.—BRADLEY & CO.  
Dec. 16, TAMBA MARU, Japanese str., 3,809, J. W. Wals, Singapore 1st Dec. General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Dec. 16, Tys, Norwegian str., 1,417, D. L. Dauten, Hongkong 14th Dec. Coal.—NEWBOLD.  
Dec. 16, WOSUNG, British str., from Canton.

## CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.  
15th December.  
Anping Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.  
Capri, Italian str., for Singapore.  
Chelydra, British str., for Singapore.  
Dagmar, Norwegian str., for Hilo.  
Hakon, French str., for Pakhoi.  
Hakon, British str., for Swatow.  
Kishin Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.  
Mavang, British str., for Sandakan.  
Solun, Norwegian str., for Canton.  
Sishan, British str., for Saigon.  
Taurus, Norwegian str., for Moji.  
Yohow, British str., for Canton.

## DEPARTURES.

10th December.  
ALCINOUS, British str., for Liverpool.  
ARIAK, MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.  
CAPRI, Italian str., for Bombay.  
CHERYDRA, British str., for Singapore.  
DAGMAR, Norwegian str., for Hilo.  
DEV-WONGSE, German str., for Bangkok.  
HAITAN, British str., for Coast Ports.  
Hakon French str., for Hilo.  
JACOB DIERCKHOFF, Ger. str., for Canton.  
KISHIN MARU, Japanese str., for Seattle.  
MATSU, British str., for Sandakan.  
KOKU MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.  
LAOS, French str., for Shanghai.  
TAURUS, Norwegian str., for Moji.  
YOHOW, British str., for Canton.

## VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Nov. 26, Dutch str., *Prinses Amelia*, Patzer.  
Nov. 26, from Batavia for Amsterdam.  
Nov. 26, British str., *Queen Olga*, Harris.  
Nov. 26, from Samarang for Delaware Breakwater.  
Nov. 26, British str., *Nurani*, from Singapore for Calcutta.  
Nov. 26, Dutch str., *Caroline*, from the West.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN  
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SANDAKAN.  
THE Company's Steamship

"SANDAKAN."  
Captain Schuur, will be ready to load for the above port THIS MORNING, the 17th inst.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [336]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING."  
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSON & CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [3296]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).  
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.  
(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to South Africa, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Black Sea, Levant, Venice and Adriatic Ports.)  
THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA."  
Captain Cabot, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 18th December, P.M.  
This Steamer has Capital Accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.  
For Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,  
Agents.  
Princes' Buildings.  
Hongkong, 29th November, 1902. [3309]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR MANILA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG."  
Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., at 4 P.M.  
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [3349]

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH



TOYO KISEN KAISHA.  
(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)  
REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROMILLA MARU."  
3,889 Tons, Captain E. P. Bishop, will be despatched for MANILA on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., at Noon.  
To be followed by the "ROSETTA MARU," on or about the 24th instant.  
Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivalled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewards on board.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,  
Agents.  
Princes' Buildings, Lee House Street, Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [16]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR RAVATIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.  
THE Steamship

"BENGAL."  
Captain A. L. Valentini, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 27th December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.  
Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.  
Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.  
For further particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [1]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1902

"CROYDON" ... About 27th Dec. 1902.

"MOGUL" ... 6th Jan.

"HINDUSTAN" ... 15th Jan.

"SHIMOSA" ... To follow.

For Freight and further information, apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [711]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

NEXT SAILINGS.

"CHINGTU" leaves on 25th December.

"TAIYUAN" ... 20th Jan.

"SIAM" ... 16th February.

"CHANGSHA" ... 7th March.

Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of Ice and Provisions during the entire voyage. Fully qualified European Surgeons on board.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

AGENTS

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1902 [1981]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, DEN. EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 29th December, 1902, at 1 P.M. the Company's Steamship "TONKIN," Captain Schmitt, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the *de la Croix*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that port on the 10th January, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 28th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1902. [2]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELTS.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DELT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

DAYLIGHT, British 4-m. barque, James Reads.—Standard Oil Co.  
EVIE J. RAY, American barque, F. Carson.—Sander, Weller & Co.  
L'ETHAIS, Italian barque, A. M. Schiavino.—Order.

## THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, PORT ARTHUR AND VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Russian Steamer

"KOREA."  
Captain Peraltz, will be ready to load here on or about the 15th December, for the above ports, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1902. [3174]

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

SADO MARU ... MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. SATURDAY, 27th Dec. at DAYLIGHT.

YAWATA MARU ... NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. SATURDAY, 27th Dec. at NOON.

SHINANO MARU ... VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA. TUESDAY, 30th Dec. at 4 P.M.

KUMANO MARU ... SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. THURSDAY, 1st Jan. at 4 P.M.

SANUKI MARU ... KOBE and YOKOHAMA. FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at DAYLIGHT.

BOMBAY MARU ... BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO. FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at NOON.

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailing, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building First Floor, Canton Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager. [9]

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, GENERAL AGENTS.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [7]

STEAMERS marked \* have no passenger accommodation.

STEAMER. CAPTAIN. TONS. SAILING DATE.

TACOMA ... A. Dixon ... 2,811 ... December 17th

TEEMONT ... T. W. Garlick ... 9,996 ... December 30th

OLYMPIA ... J. Traskbridge ... 2,837 ... January 17th

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YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE. CANTON, C.F. Lockstone, R.N.R., 10 A.M. 17th Dec. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI ... BALLARAT ... About 19th Dec. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. ... BENGAL ... Noon, 20th Dec. See Special Advertisement.

MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP ... MALACCA ... Noon, 24th Dec. Freight or Passage.

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For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON DIRECT ... MALTA ... 6,064 Tons ... 28th March.

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R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 17th Dec. 1903.

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R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan. 1904.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb. 1904.

R.M.S. "TAIAR" ... 4,423 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb. 1904.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar. 1904.

R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" ... 3,382 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar. 1904.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 1st April 1904.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 22nd April 1904.







## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Parcel Mails for Europe, &c., by S.S. *Bengal*, will close at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 19th inst. The *Guinea*, with the American Mail, left Shanghai on Sunday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. The *Baltic*, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 14th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 20th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 20th October.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Hongkong	Wednesday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Canton	Wednesday, 17th, 8.00 A.M.
Hongkong	Hongkong	Wednesday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Karatsu	Hongkong	Wednesday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Tacoma	Wednesday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Batavia	Wednesday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Empress of Japan	Wednesday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)		
Macao	Hongkong	Wednesday, 17th, 11.15 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Wednesday, 17th, 12.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Yokohama	Wednesday, 17th, 2.00 P.M.
Namata	Yokohama	Wednesday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Yokohama	Wednesday, 17th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Yokohama	Wednesday, 17th, 4.00 P.M.
Hongkong	Yokohama	Wednesday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Yokohama	Wednesday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Chefoo and Chingwang	Hongkong	Thursday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.

## TO-DAY.

Sale, Leasehold Property, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, 7 p.m.  
Janet Walford Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Sale, Furniture, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Houghton, 11 a.m.  
Sale, Curios, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, 2.15 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	16th December.
Telegraphic Transfer	1.74
Bank Bills, on demand	1.74
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1.74
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1.74
Credits, at 4 months sight	1.74
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	1.74
ON GERMANY.	
On demand	1.63
On New York	1.63
Bank Bills, on demand	1.63
Credits, 60 days sight	1.63
ON BOMBAY.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.19
Bank, on demand	1.19
ON CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.19
Bank, on demand	1.19
ON SHANGHAI.	
Bank, at sight	2.14
Private, 30 days sight	2.14
ON YOKOHAMA.	
On demand	2.14
ON MANILA.	
On demand	2.14
ON SINGAPORE.	
On demand	2.14
ON BATAVIA.	
On demand	2.14
ON BAHAMAS.	
On demand	2.14
ON SAIGON.	
On demand	2.14
ON BANGKOK.	
On demand	2.14
VERIFIERS, Bank's Buying Rate	12.46
10 LEAF, 100 fine, per ton	305.50
8 SILVER, per oz.	2.14

## OPPIUM.

Quotations are:—	Allowed not to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$10.10 to \$10.30 per picul
Malwa Old	\$10.10 to \$10.30
Malwa Older	\$10.10 to \$10.30
P. F. per wrapped	to
Persian fine quality	750
Persian extra fine	to
Patna New	\$9.90 to
Patna Old	\$10.00 to
Bengal New	\$9.85 to
Bengal Old	to

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
The O. & O. steamer *Guinea* left Shanghai for this port on the 14th inst., at 8 p.m., and is due here to-day, at daylight.  
**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**  
The P. & O. steamer *Baltic* left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 20th inst., at about 6 a.m.  
**THE GERMAN MAIL.**  
The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern* left Kobe, via Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 14th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.  
The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinzess Irene* left Colombo on the 13th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 24th inst.  
**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**  
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 1st inst., p.m., for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call.  
**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**  
The H.A.L. steamer *Silecia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and may be expected here to-day.  
The "Shire" Line *Merionethshire* left Singapore on the 12th inst., at 4 p.m., and is expected here on or about to-morrow.  
The Boston Tow Boat Co. steamer *Hyades* arrived at Mureau on the 23rd ult.  
The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama on the 12th inst.  
The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Nagasaki at 5 a.m. on the 16th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m., to-morrow.  
The "Barber" Line steamer *Hindistan* left New York on the 1st Oct. for Hongkong, China and Japan.  
The Barber Line steamer *Shimo-a* left New York on the 26th Oct. for Hongkong.  
The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* left Vancouver on the 18th ult., a.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.  
The Boston Tow Boat Co. steamer *Pleides* left Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 4th inst.  
The N.P. steamer *Olympia* left Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 8th inst.  
The P. & A. steamer *Indravelli* left Portland (Or.) for this port via Japan on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th prox.

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H. RUTTONJIE, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1901. [3159]

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1902. [2651]

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Canton, 1st October, 1901. [4183]

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1902. [1152]

## AUCTIONS

**PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.**  
Known as No. 6, Upper Mosque Terrace, Victoria, Hongkong.  
To be sold by Order of the Mortgagees in ONE LOT.  
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 17th December, 1902, at 3 p.m., at his Auction Room, Duddell Street, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMMETT, Auctioneer.

The Property consists of the pieces of Ground registered in the Land Office as Subsection 1 of Section A of Island Lot No. 385 and Subsection 1 of Section B of Island Lot No. 604 respectively, with the Buildings thereon known as No. 6, Upper Mosque Terrace. The Property is held from the Crown for the residue of the terms of 999 years and 999 years granted by two Crown Leases both dated the 14th day of December, 1859.  
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to—  
EWENS & HASTON, Solicitors; or to Mr. GEO. P. LAMMETT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [3318]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 18th December, 1902, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp, at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, A CHOICE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE SILKS AND CURIOS, Comprising—  
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SELECTED CUT VELVET PICTURES from the Celebrated "Yamashiro";  
BRONZES and PORCELAIN of various makes, FINE YOKOYAMA, &c. &c.  
On view from Wednesday, the 17th inst. TERMS—Cash on delivery.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
GEO. P. LAMMETT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3339]

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
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THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 20th December, 1902, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, FINE ART BRONZE GROUPS, STATUETTES, PLACQUES, VASES, &c., ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, FANCY MIRRORS, CLOCKS, DRESSES, BISCUIT WARE, OIL PAINTINGS, LAO FANS, and a Large Assortment of FANCY and LEATHER GOODS.  
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GEO. P. LAMMETT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3359]

**CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Accounts in connection with the above must be presented to the undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst.  
J. R. M. SMITH, Hon. Treasurer.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [3251]

**CHRISTMAS 1902.**  
THE undersigned are now prepared to supply  
CHRISTMAS CAKES of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 15 lbs., and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c. &c.  
D. NOWROJEE & SON, Hongkong Bakery, 51, Des Voeux Road.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3300]

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HAVING Just Received a New Consignment of FRESH AUSTRALIAN CREAMERY BUTTER, the Company is now prepared to supply Customers as before. Price—90 Cents per lb.  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [3163]

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TO CONTRACTORS.  
THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, Singapore, is prepared to receive TENDERS for the Construction or Completion of a NEW GRAVING DOCK at Keppel Harbour in Singapore, of the following dimensions, viz.:—  
Length—400 feet.  
Width at entrance, at sill level—56 " Depth on sill below H.W.O.S.T.—20 " as shown in the Drawings and described in the Specification.  
Specification and Plans of the proposed Dock may be seen at the Offices of the Company in Singapore.  
The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.  
Tenders shall be for a cash payable in Singapore, in Singapore currency.  
Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to the 28th day of February, 1903.  
By Order of the Directors, W. G. NIVEN, Secretary.  
The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.  
Singapore, 21st November, 1902. [3278]

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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [118]

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1901. [173]

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Hongkong, 20th October, 1902. [3794]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [3298]

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HOTZ, JACOB & CO.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1902. [2327]

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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1902.

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**  
The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are PREPARED to ACCEPT First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.  
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Hongkong, 20th May 1895. [37]

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [1796]

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [29]

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Hongkong, 22nd July, 1902. [142]

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The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [28]

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